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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 17, 2002 in the above-noted U.S. patent application. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 13 and 16 without prejudice.

Replace claims 1, 17 and 21 with amended claims 1, 17 and 21 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A method for detecting, in a sample, the presence of a modifying enzyme which covalently modifies a polypeptide, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a polypeptide pair comprising a first polypeptide and a second, binding partner polypeptide capable of associating, wherein the association of the polypeptides is detectable, and covalent modification of at least one of the polypeptides results in modulation of